

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 22-24, 40-42, and 47-86 are pending in this application, with Claims 22, 23, 40, 41, 55, 56, 83, 84, 85, and 86 being independent.

Claims 40, 41, 59, 61, 62, 72, 74, 75, and 83-86 have been amended. Applicant submits that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that the amended claims remain patentable over the art of record. Favorable consideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

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